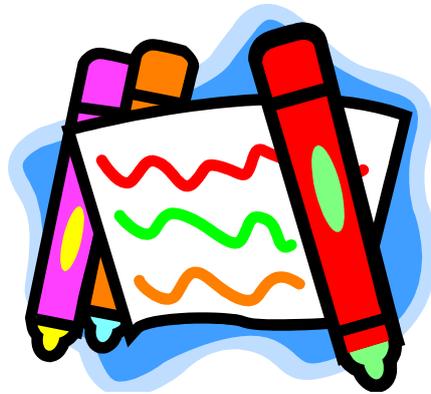


Toftwood Infant School Information for Parents

With this 'information for parents' booklet, you will find a plan to show the big picture of the work Year two children will be doing in Autumn 2. Please share this with your child before the half term starts. Try to get your child to answer a few of the questions each day.



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Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will use our topic to help write non-fiction reports about nocturnal animals. We will also be reading and writing winter poems, looking at the features of a poem. The children will also be using conjunctions such as because, and, but, so, then etc to extend their sentences. Each day they will practise the sounds (see home learning) to read and spell.

Please continue to read with your child at home as regularly as you can. Draw their attention to punctuation (capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas, speech marks), and how this affects expression. Try to ask your child questions about what they are reading throughout the book.

Teachers will check reading records once per week as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Tuesday

Miss Thomas - Monday

Miss Clarke - Monday

Library days are as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Monday

Miss Thomas - Tuesday

Miss Clarke - Monday

Please make sure that your child brings their library book in their named plastic folder (this will be provided) on their library day.

Maths

This half term we will be learning to tell the time, and focusing on o'clock and half past on an analogue clock. We will also be learning number facts and then using these to solve number and word problems, using the facts we have learnt previously.

We will be reinforcing what has been learned so far in addition and subtraction; this knowledge will be used to solve simple puzzles and problems.

We will also be introducing repeated addition as multiplication eg. $4+4+4 =$ is the same as 4×3 (four, three times), and learning to divide numbers into groups.

We will be calculating, measuring and understanding shape, including 3D shapes.

Please use My Maths as part of your child's home learning activities.

Topic/Science

Our topic this half term is Night Time. We will be learning about why we have night time as well as nocturnal animals and their habitats.

We have a variety of visitors who all have jobs that involve working at night time. We will be planning and carrying out a Science investigation based on our enquiry questions.

The outdoor activities enable the children to work outside observing and making things linked to the topic.

R.E.

We will be learning about two festivals of light and how candles are used in religious celebrations. We will learn about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the Christian celebration of Advent and Christingle. This work will build on what the children have learnt in Reception and Year 1.

Music

We will be using the online resource Charanga to teach our music lessons. The children will listen to a variety of music, give their opinion and answer questions about what they listen to and learn different songs. We are also very lucky to have a visit from Ben Langley who will star in Norwich Theatre Royal's panto this year!

P.E.

In P.E. your child will be developing their throwing and catching skills using a range of equipment. The emphasis will be on control, co-ordination and technique.

Children will be taking part in a program called Real P.E, Real P.E hopes to promote the learning of basic skills and ensure P.E is fun, exciting and challenging. Each half term there will be some challenges that children can practise at home. This half term these include:

Try lots of different jumps with a skipping rope.

Can you balance a small ball in the palm of your hand?

Can you throw and catch a ball with a partner?

PE days are as follows:

Mrs Thompson - Monday and Thursday

Miss Thomas - Tuesday and Friday

Miss Clarke - Monday and Wednesday

Art and Design

As part of our Night Time topic we will be recreating a famous piece of artwork by Vincent Van Gogh called 'Starry Night.' We will also be making calendars and seasonal cards.

PSHE and Citizenship

In circle time this half term we will be focusing on using the PATHs programme to develop the children's thinking strategies. You will occasionally receive some homework connected to this. We will be encouraging the children to take part in discussions with partners, groups and the whole class.

Computing

Your child will be learning how to write algorithms (instructions for a computer to make something happen) and how to debug programs (find the incorrect instruction) that are not correct. The children will also be learning to use various tools and techniques to create pictures in the paint package 'Textease Paint'.

Website

If you have a computer connected to the internet, you may wish to visit our website. The address is: www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk . We will be updating the 'children' section of the website with pictures of events during Year 2. Our website also contains lots of useful information, so please do take a look.

Online safety tips - Please share these with your child if they are accessing the internet

Don't send pictures to people you don't know, you don't want strangers looking at photos of you or your family

Turn off the monitor, then tell a grown up if you feel scared or unhappy about anything.